

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend Paragraphs 23, 32, 35, 49, and 59 as indicated below:

[0023] In FIGS. 1 and 2, the mould 1 comprises a first and a second molding part 2 and 3 respectively which are connected to a lower press plate 4 and to an upper press plate 5. The first, lower, molding part 2 defines the outer surface of the tread, whereas the second molding part 3 defines the ~~[[lower]]~~ inner surface of the tread.

[0032] Advantageously, if a single hook 6 is provided, it will be preferred to position it transversely in the center of the width of the mould. This hook may extend over all or part of the width of the mould but it is also possible to conceive of a plurality of hooks 6 spaced across this width, such as shown in the example described and shown in FIG. 1. The choice of a plurality of hooks is particularly advantageous because during the molding and vulcanization of the ~~[[tread]]~~ tread, bridges of rubber are produced between the hooks ~~[[which]]~~ which, at the end of the demolding ~~[[phase]]~~ phase, will increase the rigidity of the zone of rubber held in the hooks and thus facilitate the final extraction thereof.

[0035] In this variant embodiment of the mould, the inclined surface 61 defines the molding of the longitudinal end of the tread, which may be different as will be seen hereafter. However in all cases, as the zone of the tread formed in the length of the mould between this inclined surface 61 and the ~~[[transverse]]~~ longitudinal edge 21 of the lower molding part is intended to be trimmed, in actual fact this zone serves to effect the hooking and the starting point for the demolding.

[0049] The mould shown in FIG. 6A is in the closed position, the longitudinal and transverse edges of the lower molding part 2 being in contact with the upper molding part 3 as can be seen for the ~~[[transverse]]~~ longitudinal edge 21 shown here. The tread B occupies the entire molding space, its end B1 being molded around the hook 6.

[0059] Without departing from the scope of the invention, it would also be possible to envisage a mechanical device which makes it possible to facilitate the disengagement from the hooks 6 such as, for example, the hooks ~~[[16]]~~ 6 mounted to tilt towards the center of the mould about spindles borne by the upper molding part 3.